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PART 573 DEFECT AND NONCOMPLIANCE REPORT

On March 6, 2006, KZRV, L.P., decided that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110 exists in the vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: March 10, 2006.

KZRV, L.P.'s, identification code for this recall: Not applicable.

I. IDENTIFICATION OF MANUFACTURER AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicles subject to the noncompliance is:

KZRV, L.P.
9270 W US20
Shipshewana, Indiana 46565
Phone: (260) 768-4016

The corporate official, identified by name and title, whom the Agency should contact with regard to this noncompliance is:

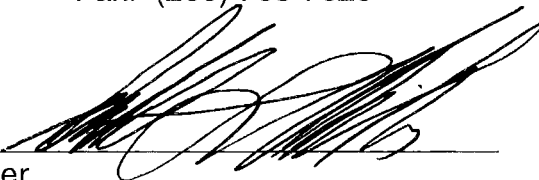
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II. IDENTIFICATION OF THE VEHICLE MODELS INVOLVED

The following described vehicles were involved in the noncompliance described above:

Make: Durango	Model Year: 2006	Models: 255BH 255RK 255RL 275RK 295BH 285RL
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Production Dates: Beginning: September 1, 2005	Ending: March 6, 2006
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VIN Range: see attachment

Vehicle Type: Towable Travel Trailer	Body Style: N/A
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Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: units under 10,000 lbs. GVWR produced without tire placards affixed.

Make: Sportster	Model Year: 2006	Models: 22 25
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Production Dates: Beginning: September 1, 2005	Ending: March 6, 2006
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VIN Range: see attachment

Vehicle Type: Towable Travel Trailer	Body Style: N/A
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Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: units under 10,000 lbs. GVWR produced without tire placards affixed.

Make: Frontier

Model Year: 2006

Models: 2003F
2101QSF
2205QSF
2303F
2303P
2405QSF
2505QSF
2605PF
2802PF
2803PF
2809PQSF
2901PF
2251PF
2352PF
2353PF
2453PF

Production Dates: Beginning: September 1, 2005

Ending: March 6, 2006

VIN Range: see attachment

Vehicle Type: Towable Travel Trailer

Body Style: N/A

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles
from those model vehicles not included in the recall: units under 10,000 lbs.

GVWR produced without tire placards affixed.

Make: Coyote

Model Year: 2006

Models: 16C
20C
22CP
22CT
23CFK
23CMS
23CS
23CT
25CBM
25CBH
21CL
CS180

Production Dates: Beginning: September 1, 2005 Ending: March 6, 2006

VIN Range: see attachment

Vehicle Type: Towable Travel Trailer

Body Style: N/A

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: units under 10,000 lbs.

GVWR produced without tire placards affixed.

Make: Jag

Model Year: 2006

Models: 20J
21JQ
24JB
25JQ
25JS
25JSS
26JS
28JB
28JFSS
29JB
29JFSS
22JFS
23JFS

Production Dates: Beginning: September 1, 2005 Ending: March 6, 2006

VIN Range: see attachment

Vehicle Type: Towable Travel Trailer

Body Style: N/A

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: units under 10,000 lbs.

GVWR produced without tire placards affixed.

Make: Spree

Model Year: 2006

Models: 180BH
240BH

240RBS
260RBS
290BH
290BHS
290RLS

Production Dates: Beginning: September 1, 2005 Ending: March 6, 2006

VIN Range: see attachment

Vehicle Type: Towable Travel Trailer

Body Style: N/A

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles
from those model vehicles not included in the recall: units under 10,000 lbs.

GVWR produced without tire placards affixed.

Make: Sportsmen

Model Year: 2006

Models: 2003
2503
1702QS
2102QS
2303P
2303PRS
2809PQS
3004SS
3501
2605P
2352P
2253QS

Production Dates: Beginning: September 1, 2005 Ending: March 6, 2006

VIN Range: see attachment

Vehicle Type: Towable Travel Trailer

Body Style: N/A

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles
from those model vehicles not included in the recall: units under 10,000 lbs.

GVWR produced without tire placards affixed.

The approximate percentage of the production of all the noncompliant models manufactured by KZRV, L.P., between the inclusive dates of manufacture stated above, that the noncompliant model population represents is: 8%.

III. IDENTIFICATION OF THE NONCOMPLIANT POPULATION

The total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the noncompliance is as follows:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
Durango	2006	58
Sportster	2006	26
Frontier	2006	563
Coyote	2006	440
Jag	2006	1149
Spree	2006	163
Sportsmen	2006	84

TOTAL NUMBER POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY THE RECALL:	2,483
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APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER ESTIMATED TO ACTUALLY CONTAIN THE NONCOMPLIANCE:	100%
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The method used to determine the recall population, the basis for selection, and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the vehicles is as follows:

The effective date of FMVSS 110 was September 1, 2005. Thus, any unit produced by KZRV, L.P., from that date until the receipt of notice from NHTSA on March 6, 2006, were potentially within the target population. Removed from that total were all units produced with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or greater. Those units remaining were determined to be the recall population.

IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE NONCOMPLIANCE

The noncompliance is fairly described as follows:

FMVSS 110 mandates the placement of pertinent information regarding tire/rim size, cold tire air pressure amounts, and maximum cargo weight limitations. The units manufactured by KZRV, L.P., did not have the appropriate placard affixed to the left front of each unit.

The cause of the noncompliance condition is inadvertent oversight on the part of KZRV, L.P.

The consequences of the noncompliant condition are minimal. The pertinent information is set forth clearly in other locations on every new towable travel trailer manufactured by KZRV, L.P. The rim/tire size and tire inflation information is clearly contained on the federal VIN tag located in the same area where the FMVSS 110 placard is to be placed. Further, the maximum cargo capacity for each unit is prominently displayed on the RVIA required label in the

interior of each unit. It is the opinion of KZRV, L.P., based upon thirty-four (34) years of experience in manufacturing towable travel trailers, that the ultimate purchasers of travel trailers will, and have, easily located and observed the recommended tire pressure and maximum cargo capacity information in their current locations.

No warning either precedes or occurs due to this noncompliance.

The noncompliance is not contained in any component or assembly purchased from a supplier.

V. THE CHRONOLOGY IN DETERMINING THE NONCOMPLIANCE

KZRV, L.P., determined that the above described noncompliance existed when a NHTSA representative contacted Matt Dennin, KZRV, L.P., warranty representative, on Monday, March 6, 2006. No testing or data compilation was necessary to determine that the vehicle placards had not been affixed to the recall population units.

VI. DESCRIPTION OF THE REMEDY

KZRV, L.P., contemplates remedial actions as follows:

- A. For all units at the KZRV, L.P., manufacturing facility, placards complying with FMVSS 110 will be affixed.
- B. For all units remaining unsold on KZRV, L.P., authorized dealer lots, or in transit to such dealer lots, placards complying with FMVSS 110 will be sent to

such dealers with instructions to affix them to the recall population units prior to sale.

C. For all units sold to consumers, KZRV, L.P., will notify in writing each consumer of a recall population unit, with a placard complying with FMVSS 110 and instructions regarding the placement and affixation to the unit.

VII. SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REMEDY

KZRV, L.P., proposes the following schedule to remedy the failure to affix FMVSS 110 compliant placards to its units:

A. For all units at the KZRV, L.P., manufacturing facility, placards complying with FMVSS 110 were prepared and application to units under 10,000 pounds GVWR will begin on March 14, 2006.

B. For all units remaining unsold on KZRV, L.P., authorized dealer lots, or in transit to such dealer lots, placards complying with FMVSS 110 were prepared and sent to such dealers on March 10, 2006, with instructions to affix them to the recall population units prior to sale.

C. For all units sold to consumers, KZRV, L.P., began assembling a list of purchasers from its warranty registration records. This list will be completed on or before March 13, 2006. When such list is complete, a cross check against dealers' sales lists will be performed to ensure that all contact information is correct and that all consumers have been identified. The completion date for this cross check is projected for March 20, 2006. On or before March 24, 2006, each consumer will be sent a notice of defect/noncompliance, along with a FMVSS

110 compliant placard, instructions describing how and where to affix the placard to the unit, and a postage prepaid return notice indicating the consumer's completion of this task. If the return notice isn't returned to KZRV, L.P., within fourteen (14) calendar days of the mailing date, a follow-up notice, containing the same materials, will be sent.

VIII. FURNISH RECALL COMMUNICATIONS

Copies of the bulletin to dealers, the notice of defect/noncompliance to the consumer, instructions, and return notice are submitted herewith.

NOTICE OF SAFETY RECALL/DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE

Dear KZRV, L.P., Travel Trailer Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

KZRV, L.P., has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2006 model year Durango, Sportster, Frontier, Coyote, Jag, Spree, and Sportsmen travel trailers manufactured between September 1, 2005, and March 9, 2006. The affected units left the KZRV, L.P., manufacturing facility without a required placard describing the tire and rim size, the recommended cold tire air pressure, and the maximum load limits for your trailer. Please also be aware that this necessary information is contained in the owner's manual that was delivered with your KZRV, L.P., travel trailer.

According to KZRV, L.P., records, your trailer is affected. For this reason we ask that you review the enclosed instructions and affix the placard included with this letter to the proper location on the left front of your travel trailer. Because we are concerned for your safety, we ask that you complete and return the enclosed reply card for our records.

This task will take you only minutes to complete. However, if you are unable or unwilling to place the placard on your travel trailer, a KZRV, L.P., authorized dealer will be happy to do so for you at no charge. You may take your travel trailer to the dealer from whom you purchased it or, if you're enjoying your KZRV, L.P., travel trailer away from home, you can call us toll free at 1-800-768-4016 for the authorized dealer nearest you. A KZRV, L.P., representative will be happy to assist you in any way on this matter.

We regret any inconvenience which this action may cause you. If this matter is not resolved to your satisfaction, please contact KZRV, L.P., at 1-800-768-4016, or you may choose to submit a written complaint to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or call 1-888-327-4236. [Washington DC residents use 1-202-366-0123].

Sincerely,

KZRV, L.P.
9270 W US20
Shipshewana, IN 46565

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AFFIXING THE FMVSS 110 COMPLIANT PLACARD

First, approach your KZRV, L.P., travel trailer from the front (hitch) end on the left side.

Second, locate the federal certification label on the front (hitch) end of the left side of the trailer.

Third, ensure that the area around the federal certification label is clean and dry.

Fourth, remove the protective backing from the adhesive side of the FMVSS 110 compliant placard.

Fifth, apply the adhesive side of the FMVSS 110 compliant placard to the area near the federal certification label such that the printed information is right-side-up.